

The AREAL COMPARABILITY FACTOR 85.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease.	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total deaths.
Scarlet Fever ...	30	28	0
Diphtheria ...	3 (1 Mil.)	3	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	0
Pneumonia ...	23	2	2
Erysipelas ...	5	2	0
Measles ...	187	1	0
Whooping Cough	5	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	7 (3 Mil).	7 (3 Mil)	0
Poliomyelitis ...	0	0	0

Scarlet Fever. Of the 30 cases notified 15 arose at Avebury during the first five months of the year and were a continuation of the epidemic which started during the autumn of 1939 which commenced among some evacuees. No more cases arose and the other cases were distributed all over the district sporadically during the year.

Diphtheria. Three cases were notified but one was from Savernake Hospital which had been sent there from another district and died, and one case was among the military in the district which only leaves one case belonging to the district proper.

Puerperal Pyrexia. Two cases were notified and call for no comment.

Erysipelas. Five cases were notified, two were treated in the Isolation Hospital and all recovered.

Pneumonia. Twenty-three cases were notified which is a large number for this district but 14 of these were by one practitioner. Only two of those notified to me died.

Measles and Whooping Cough. Of the 187 of the former and 5 of the latter it was only necessary to admit to Hospital one case and this turned out not to be measles.

Cerebro-spinal Fever. Seven cases were notified and of these three were military in the district ; they were all admitted to some Hospital but only four to the Marlborough Hospital. Two of those admitted to Hospital proved eventually not to be the disease. None of these patients died.

Tuberculosis. Twenty cases were notified but 8 of these were transfers from other districts due to evacuation and are now not considered to be permanently belonging to the district.

The Notifications were :—

Male Pulm.	1	between 25-35	2	between 35-45
				1 over 65
Female Pulm	2	„ 15-20	1	„ 20-25
	1	„ 25-35		
Male Non. P.	2	„ 1- 5		
Female N. P.	1	„ 10-15	1	„ 20-25

Deaths were :—

Male Pulm.	1	between 35-45	1	over 65
M. Non. Pul.	1	„ 1- 5		

Water Supply.

The Ramsbury, Aldbourne and Chilton Foliat Water Supply Scheme is giving satisfactory service. At the close of the year, the following numbers of properties were taking water from the mains :—

Ramsbury 250 houses or 70% of the properties adjoining the mains.

Aldbourne	180	„	„	70%	„	„	„	„	„
Chilton F.	30	„	„	37%	„	„	„	„	„

In addition water is being supplied to several Military Camps at Aldbourne and Chilton Foliat. Further progress in connecting 60 more properties to the mains is slow owing to the shortage of labour.

There is no change at Bedwyn and Chisbury.

Both waters are frequently Bacteriologically examined giving very satisfactory results.

Now (1941) the Ramsbury water supply is chlorinated.

At Baydon the supply remains satisfactory.

Rivers, Streams and Ponds.

No action taken during the year.

Public Cleansing.

No change.

Special Legislation and Legal Action.

No change in Legislation.

During the year proceedings were taken, under the Byelaws as to Buildings, and a conviction secured against an owner of a dwelling house for having erected same without giving notice or depositing plans as required by these byelaws.

HOUSING.

No formal action was taken during the year respecting unfit houses.

As a result of informal action 34 houses, found not fit in all respects for habitation, were rendered fit out of 41 houses inspected. A further 148 houses were inspected and found fit for habitation.

Overcrowding.

As a result of Evacuation, and the whole district being made a Reception Area, many of the houses are somewhat overcrowded as measured by ordinary Housing Acts standards but no serious case came to light and no action was taken.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

	No. of Inspections. 1	No. of Defects. 2	Informal Notices. 3	Statutory Notices. 4	Remedied by 3. 5	Remedied by 4. 6	Remedied after verbal instructions only. 7
Nuisances ...	368	120	21	—	16	—	44
Slaughter- houses ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Knackers' Yards ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Places where food is pre- pared ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cowsheds ...	266	35	16	—	16	—	16
Dairies and Milkstores							
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	26	7	5	—	5	—	2
Bakehouses	18	6	4	—	2	—	2
Butcher's Shops ...	14	—	—	—	—	—	8
Totals	692	168	46	—	41	—	63

Milk and Dairies, etc.

Number of Wholesale Producers registered (1940) ...	...	131
„ Retail Purveyors registered (1940) ...	...	46
„ Certificates issued (Producers) during 1940 ...	...	0
„ Certificates issued (Retailers) during 1940 ...	...	0
Approximate number of Cows ...	...	5,500

Meat and Other Foods.

Number of Registered Slaughter-houses

Number of Licenced Slaughter-houses

No slaughter-houses were in use in the district during the year, all slaughtering being carried out in Ministry of Food slaughter-houses in Marlborough.

Notices received of Regular Slaughter Ni

Notices received of Casual Slaughter 61

Number of Condemnations 3

TOTAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death.	M.	F.
All Causes	67	68
Typhoid and Paratyphoid		
Cerebrospinal Fever ..		
Scarlet Fever		
Whooping Cough		
Diphtheria		
Tuberc. of Respir. syst. ..	2	
Other form of Tuberc. ..	1	
Syphilitic Diseases		
Influenza		4
Measles		
Ac. Polio-myelitis and Enceph.		
Ac. Inf. Enceph.		
Cancer of b. cav; and		
oesoph (M.)		
uterus (F)		
Cancer of stomach and		
duodenum	3	
Cancer of breast		2
Cancer of all other sites ..	5	1
Diabetes		
Intra. cran. vasc. lesions	5	10
Heart disease	10	17
Other dis. of circ. syst. ..	3	7
Bronchitis	8	7
Pneumonia	3	3
Other Resp. diseases	1	
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum		1
Diarrhoea under two years		

Causes of Death.	M.	F.
Appendicitis		
Other digest. diseases ..	4	3
Nephritis	2	
Puerp. and postabort. sepsis		
Other maternal causes ..		
Premature birth	1	1
Cong. malf. birth inj. Inf. dis.	5	3
Suicide		1
Road Traffic Act	1	1
Other violent causes ..	1	1
All other causes	12	6
Deaths of Infants under 1 year—		
Total	7	4
Legitimate	7	4
Illegitimate		
Live Births		
For Birth-rate		
Total	92	74
Legitimate	84	72
Illegitimate	8	2
For Inf. Mort.-rate		
Total	94	78
Legitimate	86	76
Illegitimate	8	2
Stillbirths		
Total	3	1
Legitimate	3	1
Illegitimate		
Population		10,270

